

Mr. K. Krishnamurti Rao said that the whole of the tree tax might be recovered in advance before the tree was marked and the liability of the owner thus cancelled.

Reply of Government.—Will be considered.

SUBJECT No. 182.

Transfer of toddy shops.

Mr. Anjaneyasetty, Pavagada taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The contract for toddy shops cannot be transferred by the contractors without the sanction of the Excise Commissioner. This causes hardship. The restriction may be removed.

Reply of Government.—Not feasible.

SUBJECT No. 183.

Triennial lease of toddy shops.

Mr. Anjaneyasetty, Pavagada taluk.

Summary of discussion.—In some places toddy shops are let out on three years' contract experimentally. This system may be introduced into all the taluks.

Reply of Government.—The results of the experiments now made may be awaited.

SUBJECT No. 184.

Payment of excise *khists*.

Mr. Anjaneyasetty, Pavagada taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Formerly, time was being given till the 20th of each month for payment of excise *khists*. The present rule requiring payment to be made before the 10th of each month works as a hardship. The old rule may be revived.

Reply of Government.—Not feasible.

SUBJECT No. 185.

Excise revenue and inam-dars.

Messrs. Raghavachar, Pavagada taluk, and Anniah Pandit, Mysore City Municipal Council.

Summary of discussion.—Excise revenue due to inam-dars have not been paid to them since 1897. This question is 18 years old. Orders may be passed early in this matter.

Reply of Government.—The matter is under consideration.

SUBJECT No. 186.

Sale of liquors to women and children.

Mr. C. Narasimhayya, Heggadevankote taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Sale of all kinds of liquors to women and children may be prohibited and made penal.

In Ceylon, sale to women is prohibited. Women give drinks to young children. Sale to women in shops may perhaps be allowed, but they should not be allowed to take liquor home.

Reply of Government.—Existing rules prohibit the sale of liquor to children. It is not possible to prohibit sale to women.

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SUBJECT No. 187.

Transfer of the malnad District Fund roads to Provincial Funds.

Mr. H. Krishna Rao, Koppa taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The gravelled malnad roads now under the control of District Boards may be transferred to the Provincial list and the same metalled as they get bad two or three months after repairs.

Reply of Government.—Not possible.

SUBJECT No. 188.

Supply of water for cultivation during summer.

Mr. Venkatachar, Hole-Narsipur Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—It is learnt that the bund of the Cauvery reservoir has been constructed to a height of 60 feet. As sufficient water may now be stored for the